

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pithy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mr. A. A. Bradford, jr., has moved with his family to Rock Hill.

Rev. Dr. Bays, presiding elder of the Rock Hill circuit, preached in the Methodist church at this place Saturday morning.

Mr. A. M. Townsend and Miss Maggie Jones, of Salisbury, N. C., were married at the Catawba House a few days ago by Rev. E. A. Hartsell.

Capt. W. E. Ardrey and daughter, Miss Emma, of Ardreys, N. C., spent last Thursday in Fort Mill with the family of his brother, Mr. J. W. Ardrey.

Mr. J. Lee Spratt left Monday evening for Baltimore, Md., to resume his dental studies at the University of Maryland. He will graduate in the class of 1901.

The man who said that a sucker is born every second was a philosopher. Proof of the correctness of the statement was abundant in Fort Mill last week when scores of people handed over hard-earned dollars to an itinerant vendor of alleged medicinal preparations.

Mr. W. T. Hoagland has bought the vacant lot on Booth street opposite the small brick store-room of Mrs. Eliza Fulwood and will at once begin the erection thereon of a fireproof livery stable. The stable which he is now using will be occupied this winter by Messrs. L. S. Nivens and W. F. Harris.

A game of baseball was played on the diamond in this place Saturday afternoon between a colored team from Pleasant Valley and an aggregation of coons claiming to represent Fort Mill. The game was won by Pleasant Valley. The uniforms worn by some of the players were fetching in the extreme, and this is especially applicable to the arrangement of the pants stripes.

The New Game Law.

The following item, taken from The State of last Thursday, should prove of interest to the sportsmen in this community: "The hunting season opens on November 1. The new game law, which prohibits the sale of partridges, etc., will play havoc with the 'pot hunters.' Any person offering partridges for sale will be liable to a fine and imprisonment. The new law will be in force for five years, and it is intended to put a stop to the wholesale slaughter of birds by people who slay them for the market. The 'pot hunters' have weeded out the coveys to a great extent, and the law will have the effect of checking the indiscriminate slaughter and sale of birds."

The Military Entertainment.

The entertainment which was given in the town hall last Friday evening for the benefit of the military company brought out the largest crowd of the season, that, too, notwithstanding the fact that there was a free show in town at the same time. The entertainment began with a drill by a squad of eleven members of the company, who were commanded by Lieut. T. B. Spratt. Their proficiency in the manual of arms elicited frequent applause, and a number of persons were heard to remark that they drilled with the precision of regulars. After the military feature of the entertainment was concluded, Dr. J. H. Thornwell, who appeared in his Confederate uniform, was introduced and in an interesting talk of half an hour related reminiscences of a trip he made to Europe a few years ago. Rev. R. A. Yonge was next presented to the audience. The subject of his lecture was "The Soldier." He told of the patriotism of the Southern soldier in the "late unpleasantness" and said that the volunteer, and not the mercenary soldier, could be depended upon in time of need. The music furnished by the Gold Hill orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. C. P. Blankenship, added no little to the success of the entertainment. This was the first public appearance of the orchestra, though one would not have suspected it from the music

which they made. I earnestly urge that captains exert themselves to bring as nearly as possible the full strength of their companies, not only that they may reap the benefits of camp experience but to swell the number and add to the appearance of the parade and review as well. * * *

A squad of 21 men, rank and file, will be required from each company entering the competitive drill contest. I desire to impress upon you the necessity of assembling your company at once, and advising me at the earliest possible moment whether you can and will bring your company, and also about what will be the strength, rank and file. The time is short and immediate action and report to the adjutant general is very earnestly requested.

Trade at Home.

Now that the fall season has begun we wish to call the attention of the buying public to their duty to home merchants. A great many people think that they can buy cheaper of the mail-order houses of the large cities than they can at home. This is a mistake. The home merchants only ask that they be dealt with on the same basis that you deal with the catalogue houses. Some people, however, prefer to buy away from home because it sounds big to be able to say they ordered from Chicago, Philadelphia or New York. The mail-order houses demand payment in advance, with no goods in sight. Treat home merchants like you are compelled to treat your catalogue houses and you will find the former more liberal and get better results. The department stores require you to pay express charges and then if the goods are not satisfactory it is quite a job to get things corrected, no matter how willing the concern may be. Not so with the home merchants; they are anxious to correct all mistakes and do so at once. They help pay the taxes and support home institutions; they buy home products and employ home salesmen. The Northern mail-order houses do not help run our schools and churches, neither do they help build our roads or give employment to anyone in this section. The home merchants—those who advertise in The Times—are well prepared for fall business and they are entitled to your patronage.

Local Military Invited to State Fair.

Monday morning Capt. W. R. Bradford received the following letter from the adjutant general's office in Columbia:

Sir: Arrangements are now being perfected to have during fair week in Columbia a grand parade and review of the State volunteer troops by his excellency, the governor and his staff, and also a competitive prize drill contest between infantry companies composing the State volunteer service. Both are to be held during the week of the State fair—the drill contest on Wednesday, October 31, and the parade review on Thursday, November 1. Six hundred dollars in money prizes will be awarded by competent judges to the three companies showing the greatest proficiency—\$300 to the first, \$200 to the second and \$100 to the third. It is also contemplated offering a handsome silver souvenir, as an individual prize, to the man showing the greatest proficiency of drill in the manual of arms.

Tents will be pitched and camp made ready to receive the troops as they arrive, and meals will be provided for the men while in camp free of charge. Therefore the only expense to be incurred by the companies is the railway fare to and from Columbia.

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Very respectfully,
J. W. FLOYD,
Adjutant General.

As yet no reply has been sent to the foregoing letter. A special meeting of the Fort Mill Light Infantry is to be held in the town hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock to decide definitely whether the company will attend the State fair. There seems to be no doubt, however, that the company will attend, as a majority of the members have already expressed a desire to do so.

At the National Capital.

Regular correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 1900.—Mr. McKinley's fellow imperialist, the Emperor of Germany, not having a slumping political campaign on his hands, has notified his American imitator that he must fish, cut bait, or get out of the Chinese boat. Mr. McKinley found this notification in the shape of the demand of the German Emperor that the Chinese officials who instigated the attack on foreigners shall be punished before Germany will participate in negotiations with China, when he paid Washington one of his periodical visits last week, and with it was a communication asking in diplomatic language what he was going to do about it. There was a hurrying and scurrying, and with the assistance of some assistant secretaries and those members of the cabinet who are not on the stump or taking things easy away from their offices a reply to Germany's communication was concocted and sent off. It was not made public, but there is little doubt that it was a plea for delay enough to carry the matter beyond the election. It is plain enough that Germany means to make war on China, and now that Count Walderser, the German commander-in-chief, is on the ground, the Kaiser wants to know whether Mr. McKinley is going to help him or not, and Mr. McKinley wants to find out whether he is going to be re-elected before giving a positive reply. If re-elected, he may consider that an endorsement of imperialism and conclude to add a slice of China to his imperial domain.

Boss Hanna and his crowd, including Mr. McKinley, have lost no opportunity to humiliate Senator Foraker for several years past, but this week Mr. McKinley sent for Senator Foraker and begged him to put his shoulder to the McKinley wheel in Ohio. Nothing could tell the story of Mr. McKinley's fright in plainer terms.

Democrats around the Congressional committee headquarters are greatly delighted with that Chicago speech of Boss Hanna, in which he so far lost his head as to say: "I believe there is not a trust in the United States." They believe that this assertion on the part of Hanna will be worth many thousands of votes to Bryan and Stevenson at the Democratic candidates for Congress, because it is so manifestly false that it disgusts intelligent men who have heretofore voted the Republican ticket. To say that there isn't a trust in the U. S. when there isn't a family in the country which doesn't know and feel by the surest test, increase in its living expenses, of the existence of numerous trusts, is as ridiculous as to say that black is white. The Republican platform recognized the existence of trusts, and did the letters of acceptance of Mr. McKinley and Mr. Roosevelt, but Hanna says that there are no trusts. After making such an assertion, Mr. Hanna can not expect the people to believe anything he says about other issues of the campaign. If Hanna can only be kept talking in that strain, the election of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Stevenson can be made unanimous. Mr. McKinley is being urged by many to try to muzzle Hanna.

Another Murder in Rock Hill.

The Rock Hill Herald of today publishes the following account of a murder which occurred in that city last Thursday night:

Human blood has again been spilled in this city, but this time the parties to the tragedy are colored and both the principals strangers. The murder, for murder it was, was committed at the home of Annie Neal, on west Main street, at an early hour Thursday night. The murderer is Will Watson and his victim was Mary Wingate, alias Mary Watson. Both the parties came here, recently from Pineville, N. C. They were illicit lovers. Watson had made the woman his mistress under promise of marriage. They had been together a man and wife for several months and after being in Chester, S. C., where she received employment with Annie Neal. Watson came to Rock Hill soon after, but for some reason not explained the woman refused to live longer with him. Last Friday night he appeared at the home of Annie Neal and besought Mary Watson to return with him to Pineville, N. C., whence they both had come. The woman refused, reminding Watson of his broken promises. Watson continued to implore the woman to return to him, protesting his love for her, and when he found that his entreaties were in vain he entered the house and drawing his pistol, fired three times at the woman. One of the balls entered just below the left breast, penetrating the heart; the other entered the throat. The woman expired almost instantly. The murderer, seeing his bloody work, walked out of the house and disappeared. He is still at large.

Saturday, Magistrate Beckham, acting coroner, held an inquest over the body of the woman and after hearing the testimony and viewing the body the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to her death by a pistol ball fired from the hand of Will Watson, colored.

Magistrate Beckham has asked the governor to offer a reward for the apprehension of the murderer.

A protracted meeting is to begin at the Baptist church in this place on the first Sunday in October. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Finch, will be assisted by Rev. F. O. S. Curtis, of Laurinburg, N. C. Mr. Curtis was pastor of Flint Hill church, near Fort Mill, a few years ago.

Says the Lancaster Review: The Yorkville Enquirer does not think Frye's geography, one of the text books recently adopted by the State board of education, will become popular in the Yorkville graded school, for the reason that no mention is made of that town in the special South Carolina supplement, along with Lancaster, Chester, Rock Hill and Fort Mill. The supplement was prepared by a prominent Rock Hill citizen, and indignant Yorkvillians will have to call upon that gentleman for an explanation.

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Milch Cow For Sale. A young Jersey milch cow, with second calf, is offered for sale. Apply to Mrs. J. R. Harris, Fort Mill, S. C.

Notice to Trespassers. All persons are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, cut timber or otherwise trespass on the lands of the undersigned. Persons violating this warning will be dealt with according to law. F. NIMS, J. W. ARDREY, J. D. WITHERS, S. E. WHITE.

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Look around before you buy your Fall Dry Goods, Shoes, Furniture, Stoves, etc. Compare Prices, also Quality of goods. If you do, we are sure to get your order. We have more New Dress Goods than the balance of the town all put together. We have all the new novelties, as well as a large stock of plain goods, in the newest weaves, at the same prices you paid when cotton was 5 cents.

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L. J. MASSEY.

OUR FALL MILLINERY OPENING.

To the Ladies of Fort Mill and Surrounding Country: You are cordially invited to attend our Fall Millinery Opening on Thursday and Friday, September 27th and 28th. This will be the first display of our Fall Millinery and we guarantee it to surpass all other efforts along this line. Miss Fravor, our expert milliner, assisted by Miss Curtis, has been working for days getting ready for this occasion, and such a getting together of millinery stylishness and money saving as Fort Mill has never seen before will greet you at this opening.

Yours respectfully,

MEACHAM & EPPS.

P. S. Miss Fravor received by today's mail her second order for millinery from Golden, New Mexico, so we are shipping goods more than 2,000 miles.

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